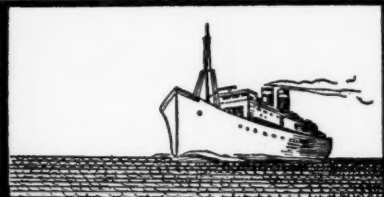


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Von David Treats

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Not to be out a piker, he handed over the dollar and Jarvis and myself disappeared for about fifteen minutes. We had no more than left the spot than Von David realized that it was Sunday, that his own supply had been depleted and that on an arid day a friend was a real need. We managed to keep out of his sight for the remainder of the day.

The Stamp Trade

*A discussion of Stamp Collecting and Stamp Dealing from the
Business angle by the Managing Editor.*

GEORGE W. LINN

Revenue Inverts

Dr. Pritchard von David (Hahum) of stampdom, was all agog over his big purchase of invert revenues until he found out that they were about 50-50 good and bad. The art work which made inverts from normal varieties was most excellent on many of the stamps and they defied detection except from most expert examination by parties who know how and what to look for.

The good man will lose a lot of his prospective profit, but we understand he is forcing the issue to iron out some difficulties which will make the culprits who sold the stamps come clean.

A part of the stamps in this lot were being hawked about

this state more than a year ago by a former Cleveland stamp dealer. We understand that the bulk of this collection came from a well-known and previously highly touted Cleveland accumulation.

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One of our British advertisers who has made a regular business of breaking old collections and jobbing them in lots, has just changed his advertising copy to eliminate five and ten dollar lots from his offers. He states that old collections are bringing fine prices in London and that it is difficult to get enough material to continue offering large lots.

Collectors Liked It

D. L. Ballentine, who uses only an inch space in our paper, has asked us to run the offer of the 17c No. 631 again. He says, "the collectors liked that offer very much." All of which shows that even inch copy will sell stamps if you have the wanted material.

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Incidentally, Mr. Betts advises us that he will be away from home till after Christmas, so do not expect an instant response to your letter from the current advertising.

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Bureau Print Precancels

THESE stamps are frequently referred to as simply Bureau Prints or Buros, but all U. S. postage stamps are, strictly speaking, Bureau Prints, whether precancelled or not, since all stamps are printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The reason these particular precancels are termed Bureau Prints is to distinguish them from the less popular precancels made at the city whose name appears in the precancellation. Bureau Print precancels are stamps receiving the precancellation at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Bureau Print precancels are produced in exactly the same manner as the Molly Pitcher and Hawaii commemoratives, the only difference is that one is a cancellation and the others are overprints not affecting the stamp's postal use and requiring the regular cancellation like any other stamp.

Precancels are stamps cancelled before the mail matter on which they are used is placed in the mails. Whether the precancellation is applied by a printing plate, handstamp covering a number of stamps, the regular office postmark or parcel post canceller, or even a pen ruled line or crayon; if the stamp is cancelled before it is placed in the postoffice on a piece of mail, it is a precancel. The reasons for the manufacture of these stamps are several:—1. To save time for the postoffice, as they do not have to be cancelled again, and thus a precancel looks just the same after use as before; 2. As a convenience to the mailer in that they speed up the dispatching of his mailings and protect him against loss by theft by his own employees since only a permit holder may use the stamps; 3. To distinguish a particular class of mail.

The postoffice department itself only uses precancels during the month of December at parcel post windows to speed those mails, saving the delay otherwise necessary to cancel the stamps. The only other users of precancels are permit holders, persons who mail a quantity of circular or package mail at regular intervals. The permit costs nothing, but the holder has to agree to certain regulations. The commonest type of permit is that for mailing of circulars under Section 562 of the Postal Laws and Regulations.

Mailings under this section effect a saving for the permit holder of one-third of his postage. The usual rate on printed matter such as circulars is $1\frac{1}{2}$ c for anything under two ounces. Under Section 562 the mailer gets a rate of 1c each for identical pieces not weighing over an ounce and a third, and since nearly all circulars mailed come under that weight, it can readily be understood why this type of mailing is so popular. The four principal requirements for such mailings are: that "Sec. 562 P. L. & R." be printed in the upper right corner of the envelope and stamp

The Experimental Types

NEW ORLEANS LA.	SPRINGFIELD MASS.
Type 1	Type 2

be placed directly underneath it; that only precanceled stamps may be used; minimum mailings shall be 200 pieces at a time; the permit holder shall bring the mailing to the postoffice bundled and marked with facing slips so that at the office of mailing only those circulars will have to be sorted which are for states or cities to which less than 15 pieces in this mailing are addressed, all others being prepared in bundles by the permit holder, appropriately marked. This last provision saves the postoffice considerable expense as there is little sorting for the clerks to do, principally just to put the bundles in the proper sacks.

The other permit holders, those whose mailings consist of parcel post, do not receive any lower rates of postage, but there are two excellent advantages in their using precancels. Since only a permit holder may use precancelled stamps, there is no incentive for employees or burglars to steal the stamps. By using precancels their parcels are speeded in dispatching since there is no delay at the postoffice to cancel the stamps on the package.

Precancels of local origin can be found on stamps as far back as the local post stamps of the 1840s, but until the parcel post system came into use in 1912

precancels were used principally on circulars and catalogs. Since 1912 with the successive modifications of parcel post rules, the use of precancels has increased tremendously, particularly of those denominations above the 1c stamps. Local postmasters were supplied with rubber stamps large enough to precancel 25 stamps at an impression, with special machines for precanceling coils, and with special multigraphs or printer's proof presses fitted with electrotypes plates suitable for precanceling an entire sheet at a time. Often the local printer did the precancelling from type set or a plate furnished him, but all these methods proved troublesome where any quantity of precancels were required since the clerks were not printers and had difficulty in getting good results and to add further trouble for clerk and printer alike, the gum caused the sheets to stick and curl and the sheet margins varied so that much spoilage resulted. This caused the printer to charge more than the department often thought the job was worth.

As early as 1916 attempts were made to precancel stamps at Washington at the Bureau but since the flat plate process was still in use for printing our stamps there was little economy in doing the precanceling there and after a few experiments the scheme was given up after supplying three cities. These "experimentals" as they are termed, are found only on a few values of the 1916-17 series perforated 10 and are easily distinguished from the local prints, though most of the values are almost in the rarity class, with few copies known. In addition to the two cities whose types of overprint is illustrated, Augusta, Maine, was supplied with the 1c overprinted in type similar to that of the New Orleans.

Bureau Prints as we now know them came into general use in 1923, commencing with the supplying of New York City with the 1c perf. 10 of the current series. The rotary press enabled the precanceling to be done very cheaply and easily. All that was done was to attach a roll with the precancel plates curved round it, to the press so that as the continuous sheet of paper wound through the press, first the stamp itself was printed, then the precancellation was printed over this and the roll continued on to the gumming apparatus,

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after which it was dried and coiled. Later the coil of paper is cut into sheets and perforated. The precanceling is made by a small roller fitted with four plates ten subjects wide and five deep for precanceling sheet stamps or with four plates five subjects wide and six subjects deep for precanceling the coil stamps, which are printed like other postage stamps except the plate is 170 subjects.

The precancel plates are curved electrotypes made from typeset forms. With experience it was found the Bureau could do precanceling more economically than any other method for offices that could use at one time 500,000 sheet stamps or 250,000 coil stamps of any one denomination. No commemoratives, dues, airmails or any flat plate stamps (except the above mentioned 1916 experimental) have ever been precanceled by the Bureau, and to further

The Old Style Types**SYRACUSE****N. Y.**

Type 3

KALAMAZOO**MICH.**

Type 5

Springfield**Ohio**

Type 4

San Francisco**Calif.**

Type 6

SALEM**MASS.**

Type 7

PORTLAND**ME.**

Type 9

Schenectady**N. Y.**

Type 10

enhance their interest to collectors and to simplify their being collected, no inverts or doubles can occur, a great advantage over the careless manner of precanceling stamps locally. There are no made-to-order or favor varieties in Bureau. The only errors have been several with incorrect spelling of the city name, quickly corrected. The styles of overprints used by the Bureau until October, 1927, were limited to seven standard styles as they are generally accepted, although actually there were only four different styles or "fonts" of type used. Note that types 4, 6, and 10 are simply types 3, 5, and 9 set in capitals and lower case letters instead of all capital letters.

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style comes in only two variations, with the name in either two or three lines, depending on the length of the city name. These two styles are illustrated. Note how similar the type is to that on the Molly Pitcher and Hawaii stamps and it is worth noting that these two commemoratives were made by simply putting the overprint plates on the same roll that normally holds the precancel

AKRON	SAN FRANCISCO
OHIO	CALIF.

Type 11

Type 13

plates. The plates for the overprints were made like the precancel plates, and except for their purpose the manufacture of these two commemorative issues differed little from that of the precancels.

There are a few cities with local types closely resembling the Bureau types but a little practice enables the collector to easily tell one from the other. It should be noted that the lines on the Bureau precancel run continuously across the sheet, while the lines on many local productions are what are called "bars"—lines which are separate on each stamp and are not continuous across the sheet.

Bureau Print precancels are in reality City Stamps, valid for postage only at the town whose name is shown on the cancellation. Their use is becoming more and more extended, precanceling locally usually being confined to the lesser used denominations. The only thing preventing a much wider use of precancels in general is the fear of the post-office (justified to some extent) that the stamps will be used again.

Instances of their re-use have been uncovered and sometimes the fraud has been in such proportions that it has been seriously considered to stop the use of precancels entirely. To prevent their re-use the department has recently decreed that precancels on parcel post packages be defaced by a crayon or other mark on delivery of the package. This effectively prevents re-use, but ruins the stamps for collection purposes. It also requires the use of as much time by the driver or carrier as would have been necessary to have canceled the stamps in an ordinary manner at office of mailing.

Precancels must be obtained by the collector from parcels, etc., as non-permit holders are not permitted to buy precancel stamps at post offices. Even permit holders are not permitted to buy any stamps for collection purposes, nor are they permitted to sell any precancelled stamps. Most collectors recognize however that many Bureau blocks and coil pairs are obtained in violation of these rules. Why the P. O. Department is so strict in such sales has never been made clear, as if it sold any of these stamps, the profit would approach 100% as the collector-purchaser could never use them. Perhaps the best reason is that by preventing such sales it will be not annoyed by attempts to use the stamps later, and not having to be

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The few dealers who have plugged along stocking and popularizing the Bureau can now feel well repaid for their efforts. Some have predicted that it is only a matter of time until Bureaus will be listed in specialized catalogs with equal rank to that of other types of cancellations, and considering that they are the most rigidly supervised cancellations we have ever had, this hope seems justified.

Most of us collect some kind of cancellation and the Bureau precancel or City Stamp is certainly eligible for your album pages. Some collectors try for their favorite city or state and find they can make interesting additions to their collection, as they are undoubtedly the neatest appearing of all U. S. cancellations. Then too, for you fellows who always like to get in on "the ground floor"—there's no time like the present.

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48c-45c	79c-7c	91a-22c	135c-4c
50c-12c	80c-1c	104c-1c	136c-23c
51c-5c	81c-12c	105c-1c	137c-22c
57c-35c	82c-2c	108c-10c	139c-7c
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By CHARLES A. KENNY, Washington Times Stamp Editor

Business at the Philatelic Agency is exceedingly lively these days, but news concerning the plans of regular and special issues for next year in the Division of Stamps is just as exceedingly quiet.

Business is brisk because of the Christmas season now on in full force. Collectors and friends of collectors are busily engaged in the purchase of stamps, not singles and blocks, but sheets—as gifts. And what could be more suitable for a gift for a philatelist than stamps?

Dealers, too, are purchasing large orders from the Agency to stock for the Christmas trade, which bids fair to be the largest ever recorded.

It will be interesting to note the comparative figures of sales at the Agency to those of last year. These figures can be used as some sort of a barometer to illustrate the growth of stamp collecting over the year.

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According to the information going the rounds here, many collectors have dispatched their Christmas cards to Charlotte Amalie, for first day cancellations on the new Virgin Island stamp. The cards will be received in many quarters a day or so before Christmas, but most of them should arrive Christmas Eve.

It is hardly likely that any announcement will be forthcoming from the Post Office Department concerning the 1938 program of issues until after the holidays.

Several special issues have already been approved and have been announced exclusively in this column, all that remains is the official announcement by the P. O.

It has been reported that the general design for the Presidential series has been approved, but whether there will be a drastic change in design, shape, size and colors used is not known at this time, nor will postal officials give an inkling of what is in store.

However, there is no reason to believe that the new regulars will differ from the 1922 issue, other than in design. Several changes may be made in the general appearances of the commemorative stamps that will appear from time to time in 1938, but these changes will probably be small.

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21742	3c	National Park (For Exhibit)	1934	50 Flat
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21744-5-9-50-52-3-8-9	11½c	Ordinary Postage Stamp	1930	400 Curved
21746-7-56-7-60-1	1c	Ordinary Postage Stamp	1922	400 Curved
21748-5-4	3c	Ordinary Postage Stamp	1932	400 Curved

Index for Government Book

The Bureau Issues Association has published a small paper booklet which serves as a cross-index for the illustrations in the government stamp book and the listings in Scott's Catalog. In the cross-index all the stamps are listed by denominations, page on which they appear in the government book, Scott's type number and Scott's catalog numbers for all the stamps of that design. A very handy booklet and certainly worth the price of 10c plus 1½c postage from Mrs. J. W. Lundy, Secy.-Treas. of the B. I. A., Newtown, Penna. Larger quantities at lower rates to clubs and others.

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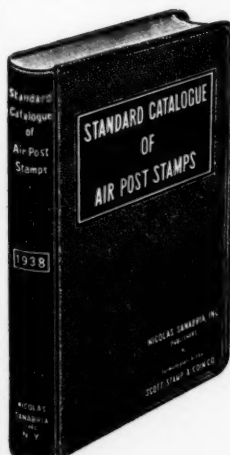
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Editor's Notebook

SINGLES After looking over a bourse VS. SETS like the recent one at Akron, we can't help making a few comments on what we thought of the stamps offered. Searching for several recent foreign stamps which were issued as one denomination of a long set, we were impressed by the fact that few of the new issues could be supplied in other than complete sets. While most of us don't complain when forced to buy a set costing fifteen or twenty cents in order to obtain a particular stamp, we do object to being confronted with a set heavy with high values which either must be purchased to obtain any one stamp, or else. Or else what? Or else not acquire that stamp

at present and go along with the frail hope that someday, somewhere, we can obtain that stamp without having to adopt its expensive brothers and sisters. Why some albums come equipped with a stock book page at the back is made expensively clear—it's to put those other stamps you don't want but have to buy. For, we can of course buy each and every set, pick out the one or several stamps we want and bury the rest in our duplicates, but soon a considerable sum can be tied up in this manner, for the average collector has no outlet for such odds and ends. A case in point: Only one dealer had any of the Nicaragua map set (you know, the one they nearly went to war about) in singles of one denomination, but there were plenty of the full sets costing some \$2.50. Since all the set is of uniform design, any one stamp of the set would be plenty for many of us. Nicaragua not being one of the most popular of countries. None of the Constitution set singly were seen, and any one or two of this set would satisfy many a collector, considering that the printing is so blotchy that the scenes have the sameness of a view on a foggy night anywhere.

It isn't so simple at it would seem at first glance for the dealer to stock many foreign stamps in singles. Most wholesale sources supply new issues only in sets, unless the set contains some extremely high value stamp such as 20 pesos or five pounds. If the dealer tries to satisfy the demand for singles by breaking sets, he usually winds up behind the well-known eight ball by having on his hands the high values and too often they become permanent members of his stock. These sets, despite the ready sale of the low values represent a loss as the sale of the lower values doesn't match the investment tied up in the high values. Thus, it looks at our first trial balance, that either the collector or the dealer is bound to wind up stuck with a lot of stamps they do not want, but we think the situation is far from hopeless.

If the dealers would demand and impress their suppliers that they can use new stamps singly in quantities of each design or certain classes of designs, there should be a steady change in present stamp stocks and a healthy one. Reading the new issue reports, we find that even those countries whose chief industry appears to be the manufacture of stamps, do issue larger quantities of various values, particularly of regular issues where the designs are often duplicated. The Nicaragua map set was so issued, as well as the Constitutions. Too often one design has been used for a long set which includes a number of denominations of doubtful postal necessity. If the "sales-managers"

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Random Notes

By DON HOUSEWORTH

The St. Joseph, Mo., Chamber of Commerce has announced it has been assured by Washington that a commemorative stamp will be issued to mark the 100th anniversary of the Platte Purchase. The stamp would be released next fall at the time of a general celebration at St. Joseph. The chamber has not revealed the source of the promise that a stamp will be issued.

The celebration and the stamp, if the promise materializes, will be a year late inasmuch as the Platte Purchase was a Congressional Act of 1837 in which the entire northwest section of Missouri was acquired from the Indian owners. Six counties were formed from the purchase.

A doctor friend, who also is a collector, tells me of this incident. From his want list an Eastern stamp firm sent the doctor an item priced at \$1.40. The doctor knew that other dealers were asking \$2.50 for the stamp so he promptly added it to his collection and congratulated himself upon a bargain. Several weeks later he received a letter from the stamp company stating that it had mispriced the stamp sold to him and asking that he pay an additional dollar. What would you have done? The doctor met the situation in this manner. He offered to return the stamp if the company would not only return his \$1.40 but reimburse him for all postage costs. At last report he had heard nothing more.

There is a crying need for an organization, similar to the Visiting Firemen of Philately, in the Middle West. The Visiting Firemen, who confine their activities to the eastern section of the country, have dedicated themselves to putting life into every stamp party. This is no reflection on the clubs of the Middle West but I am sure they would welcome assistance from outsiders when the annual party time rolls around. I understand that such an organization is to be launched this winter.

Hawaiian tradition snapped into action on Oct. 18 as the Hawaii commemorative stamp went on sale. Out of the dim past comes the belief that the heavens heave with thunder and the earth trembles whenever a chief is connected with an important event. Early morning of the day the Kamehameha the Great stamp was released, thunder reverberated over Honolulu and shortly after midnight a sharp quake rocked Hilo. This interesting sidelight on the stamp sale comes from Harold Yanagi of Honolulu who also provides the information that Kamehameha was born on a stormy November night and tradition says that the air was filled with thunder and a new star appeared.

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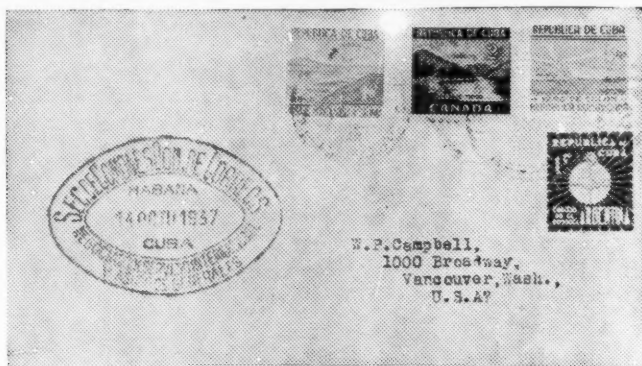
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The above cover was mailed on the second day of sale of the Cuban Artists and Writers set. It is reported that catalog publishers intend to omit the set from the catalog, though it has been announced that the set was, during the three days of October 13, 14 and 15, sold at Cuban postoffices in lieu of the regular issue. Illustration through courtesy of W. P. Campbell, stamp columnist of "The Columbian," Vancouver, Washington newspaper.

Egyptian Eye Stamp

For years collectors have been giving their stamps the "eye" but for once the stamp has turned the tables. The new Egyptian stamp for the Ophthalmological Congress has as the central design a large eye, a reproduction of the talisman "Oudjat" which signifies "Healthy Eye," commonly used by the ancient Egyptians. Three stamps, 5, 15 and 20 mills were issued.

Walter Winchell in his Sunday night broadcast of Dec. 5th mentioned the forthcoming Dick Merrill flight across the Atlantic which is to be sponsored by Gimbels.

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New Alaska Airmail?

Reports are received that the Canadian Postal Service has extended its airmail line to Dawson, Yukon Territory, and is expected to connect there shortly with a new line under contract to the U. S. Postoffice Dept. for service to Fairbanks and Juneau, Alaska.

The Government Printing Office had, up until the middle of November, sold a little over 140,000 copies of the Government Stamp Book and was printing another 18,000 copies. Where are those ten million collectors Jim Farley talks about?

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UNITED STATES — Territorial Commemorative Issue. Hawaii. Rotary Press Printing, unwmkd., perf. 10½x11:

A164—3c violet

(Statue of Kamehameha I at Honolulu)
(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

AUSTRIA—100 years Railway Commemoratives. Photogravure sheets of 50 (5x10) unwmkd., perf. 12¼. Large transverse 36x27 mm. The central design on each stamp is a railway train of a different period.

12gr. sepia
25gr. purple
35gr. terra cotta

(L. A. Russell)

CONGO — New Values. To go with the pictorial set issued in 1931-32. Engraved, sheets of 75 (5x15), unwmkd., perf. 11. Transverse format:

1.50fr. gray (village)
2.50fr. blue (Tapir)

(R. Roberts)

DANZIG — Semi-Postals. Town of Danzig Commemoratives. Typographed, in sheets of 100 (10x10), wmkd. honeycomb, perf. 14. Size of stamp 25½x21½mm. Lower value is upright, other is horizontal.

25pf. plus 25pf. (Arms of City)
40pf. " 40pf. blue and vermillion (same)

(R. Roberts)

Type of 1924. Wmkd. webbing. Perf. 14:

A19—8pf. yellow-green

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

HONDURAS — Official Stamps. Official Stamps of 1931 overprinted in black "HABILITADO 1935-38" and bars:

08—2c. black-brown
" 10c. dark green
" 60c. gray-violet

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

ICELAND — Redrawn. Under-noted type, typographed frame, off-set photo, sheets of 100, unwmkd., perf. 11½:

A8—1 eyr. scarlet and yellow-green

(R. Roberts)

INDIA — Gwalior. Overprinted on India King George V. Nasik print, inscribed "India Postage." Typographed, overprinted by litho, sheets of 320 with the exception of the 2s., which is 256 (4 panes 64, 16x4) wmkd., mult. stars, perf. 13½x14:

A69—1a3p. mauve

2a. vermillion (Die I)

Indore. Engraved, sheets of 80 (8x10) perf. 14. Small format as before 22½x27mm:

A7—2a. blue (Holkar Yeshwant Rao II)

Nabha. Overprinted on India King George V. Nasik print, typographed, overprinted by litho. Wmkd. mult. stars, perf. 13½x14:

A72—1a. deep brown

(R. Roberts)

JAPAN—White Paper. Additional values to go with those noted previously. Wmkd., wavy lines:

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A67—8c. carmine

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50p. brown
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2D. slate blue
2.50D. carmine
5D. violet
10D. lake
20D. blue-green
30D. bright blue

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

LEBANON—New design. Under-noted values replace Scott's #121 and #122. Large vertical format, our stamps being on cover, we cannot advise as to watermark and perforation. Placed on sale November 4th. Value tablet in lower left corner, central design is a portrait of Pres. Edde of the Republic of Lebanon:

3pi. bright lilac (Pres. Edde)

4pi. olive-brown (same)

(Benjamin T. Baroody)

LIBERIA—Air Post Stamps. In our issue of January 2, 1937, we noted three stamps which you will find tentatively listed in your 1938 Scott's catalog on page #1275. The latest issue of Scott's Monthly Journal transfers these from the tentative listing, to the regular section of the catalog.

NETHERLANDS — Postage Due Stamp. Type of 1912-16, unwmkd., perf. 12½ to 18½ compound:

D2 — 10c. light green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

NICARAGUA — International Air Post Stamps. 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States. Typographed, wmkd. mult. ovals, perf. 11:

10c. blue & yellow-green (Children's Park)
15c. blue & orange (Presidential Palace)
20c. blue & carmine (South America)
25c. blue & purple-brown (Central America)
30c. blue & emerald green (North America)
35c. blue & yellow (Lake Tiscapa)
40c. blue & green (Pan-American motor road)
45c. blue & bright purple (park)
50c. blue & magenta (another park)
55c. blue & greenish blue (San Juan del Sur)
75c. blue & deep blue-green (Rio Tipitapa)
1C. claret & blue (Granada)

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

ROUMANIA—Aviation Fund Stamp. Typographed, wmkd. crown and emblems mult. Perf. 14. Design same as that chronicled by us February 13th; will be found in the tentative listings of Scott's 1938 catalog, at the bottom of page #1278. The design titled "flight":

20b. bright lilac

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

SAN MARINO—Postage Due Provisionals. Under-noted designs surcharged with new values as noted. Old value obliterated by four horizontal lines, with new value below them:

D1—50c. on 5c. blue & brown

D4—1L. on 3L. buff & brown

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS — King George VI head type. Surface printed, sheets of 100 (10x10), script wmkd., perf. 14. Inscribed at top "MALAYA" size of stamp 19½x24mm:

5c. brown

(R. Roberts)

FRANCE — New Values. Sheets of 100 (2 panes 50, 5x10), perf. 14x13½:

A45—55c. dull violet

" 60c. yellow-brown

Provisional. Surcharged in red, two bars obliterating 1fr.:

80c. on 1fr. orange

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Argentine UPU Set

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Hawaiian First Day Clipper Covers

Hawaiian First Day covers bearing airmail postage and having a rubber stamped imprint "Via Air Mail from San Francisco" were carried only on airmail routes in the continental United States. All others bearing airmail postage were carried by the Clipper from Honolulu to San Francisco.

Northwest Territory Caravan

Newspapers throughout the country have reported details of the start of the ox-team covered wagon caravan from Ipswich, Mass., on Dec. 3rd, which will cover the same route as the original settlers of 1787 in their expedition to the new Territory. Of interest to collectors is the large number of cachets the North West Territory Commission is preparing and when the celebration gets in full swing in 1938 another stamp is expected.

Town Crier on Xmas Seal

Amos Kubik, Town Crier of Provincetown, Mass., only town crier in the United States, is the original of the design on the 1937 Christmas Seal and on Nov. 22 made a trip to New York to open the national sale of the seals by selling the first one to Mayor LaGuardia on the steps of City Hall. Amos' uniform consists of a "Pilgrim" costume complete with high crowned hat, white collar, knee trousers and silver-buckled shoes and, last, but not least, a five-pound bell. He recently talked over the radio in behalf of the seal sale, but aside from these rare excursions, he can be seen and heard every day at Provincetown, calling his "Hark Ye's!" just as his predecessors have for the past 200 years. We predict Amos has a bright autograph future.



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BURO BREAKS

There are several collectors following this dubious field of collecting to the Nth degree. Just the other day, I found out that some of the breaks are sought and discovered with a magnifying glass. This is carrying the thing too far, to my notion, of course my notions seldom meaning anything. From the city of Columbus, O., alone, I am told that over seventy breaks occur in the bureau plates used for that place. The Precancel Bee used to illustrate a page or so of breaks pretty near every issue, but have not been doing so lately. I do not know whether a lack of interest caused this or not; surely, it could not have been because of a lack of breaks. Considering these breaks themselves, especially the minute ones, it is hard for me to believe that every one listed as a break is a real break in the plate. I have printed too much, myself, to know how ink will act, how rolls will work and how easily the combination of the two can make a form of good type look like it was old and broken. Although the bureau has the best of machinery and materials to work with, there cannot help but be times that things will not work smoothly and all their work be perfect. Perhaps, at starting the press is not inking perfectly, not nearly bad enough to discard the sheets run, but bad enough to make it look like they were printed from broken plates. In a few minutes the inking is OK and by that time several thousand stamps are printed. What about an instance like that? After all, the bureau prints are for commercial uses primarily and not for collectors. There can be no doubt that there are a number of breaks on the plates used to print the bureau

precancels, but I still can't help but think that many of the minute ones are from other causes.

NORRIS, TENN.

A note from B. F. Henry of Knoxville states that several collectors down his way have picked up items similar to the one I mentioned several weeks ago, and that they DEFINITELY are NOT PRECANCELS. So, that's that, and thanks, B. F.

NOTES

Noted an Austin, Texas, 1c ord. in the New U-12 type. Texas was spelled in full.—A 1c ord. from St. Nazianz, Wis., in U-121 probably is the answer to the question, why no more buros are seen from the place.—Long Branch, N. J., on a 1c ord. in U-17.—Techny, Ill., 1½c FF in U-120.—To the gent from Brocton, your stamps received and are worth bothering with. Don't be bashful, sign your name, we won't print it if you don't want us to.—A 6c inv. St. David, Maine, in a rubber handstamp type similar to U-55 but between lines instead of bars and the letters not quite so large.—A Philadelphia handstamp type on a 3c Arkansas commemorative another recent pick up.

Denmark Sells Stamps No Longer Valid For Postage

The Danish Philatelic Agency sells at face value a large variety of stamps, including a number no longer accepted as postage, ranging from the 10 ore of 1885 down to date which includes scattered values of the commemoratives. The largest item is the Schleswig overprinted set of 1920 (Scott's No. 15-28) which catalog \$12.38 and cost at face value about \$4.40. For the benefit of any who care to try the agency, the address is, (and the spelling is not guaranteed) "Postvaesenets Salgskontor For Frimaerkesamlere, Centralpostbygningen, Bernstorffsgade 31 (1), Copenhagen, V." Return registered postage is extra.

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Naval Cancels — Cachets

By MARSHALL R. HALL
ANCS 10

1767 Bedford Road, Columbus, Ohio

When the new destroyer Somers starts its shakedown cruise early next year, a cachet to commemorate the occasion will be sponsored by Frederick Horton, Box 390, Port Chester, N. Y., to whom 10 covers and forwarding postage should go as early as possible.

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Now comes my swan song. For a good many years I have been writing naval news and it is time for me to stand aside and let newer blood take over and carry on. Therefore, beginning with next week's column, your naval news commentator will be Frederick Horton of Port Chester, N. Y., a comparative newcomer to naval writing, but already established in the field, and enthusiastic about giving you all the news there is to print.

Let me urge you to send him your news, promptly and faithfully, and remember that unless it can appear here as early as elsewhere, it has no value. And with that, so long, gang. It has been a lot of fun and I value all your friendships. It has also been a lot of work, but work is a pleasure when the task is as enjoyable as conducting this column has been. Cheerio.

Capital Celebrates National
Stamp Week

Washington, D. C. collectors rounded up a full week of exhibits, etc., for National Stamp Week, which though now past are worth mentioning. A trip one evening through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; special displays by the Post Office Department in the Philatelic Agency room and in the lobby of the Benjamin Franklin station at the P. O. Dept. building; exhibits at a number of different business places including a bank, railroad office, department store, telephone company, etc., and perhaps the height of advertising was reached when the Capitol Transit Co. put an illustration of an album on the weekly pass for Nov. 15. Certainly a fine lay-out of publicity for the hobby.

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